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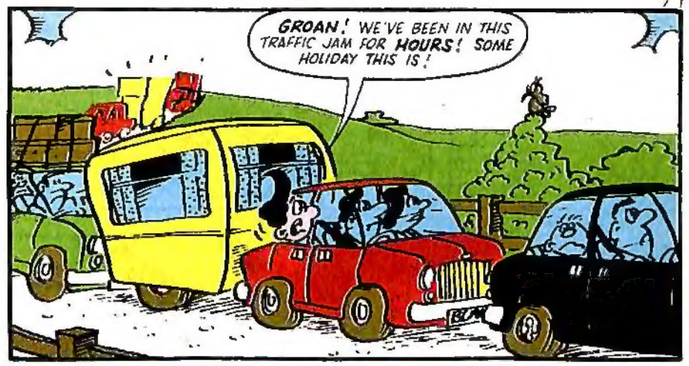

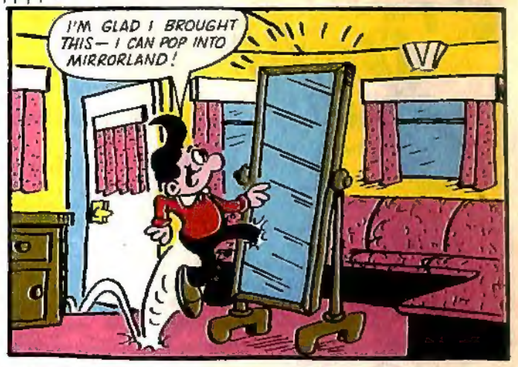

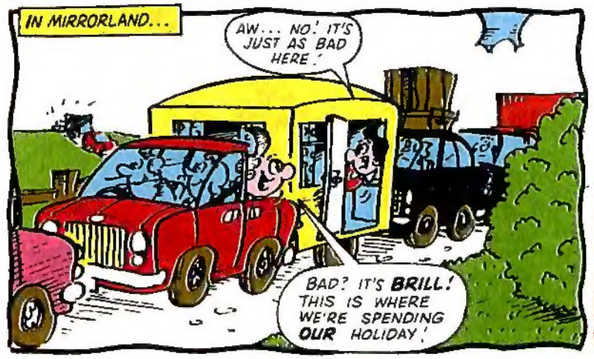

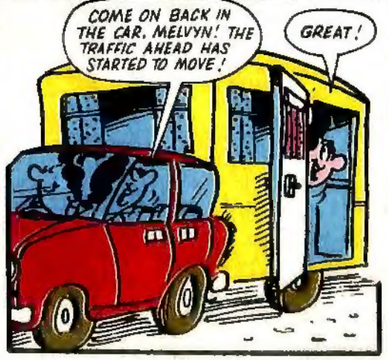

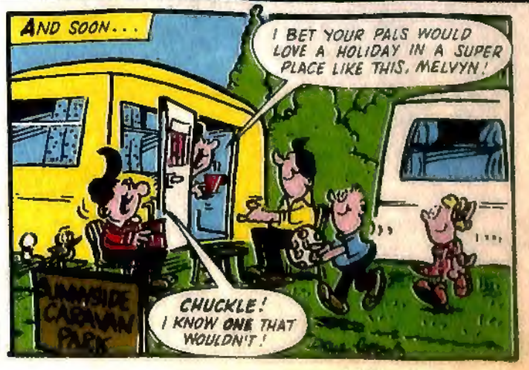

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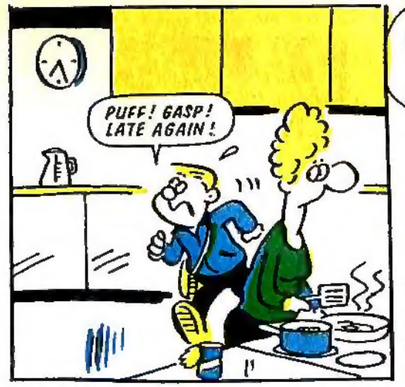

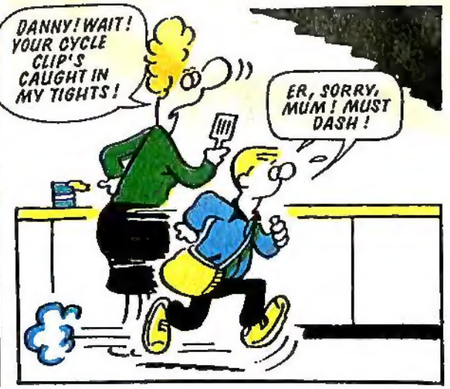

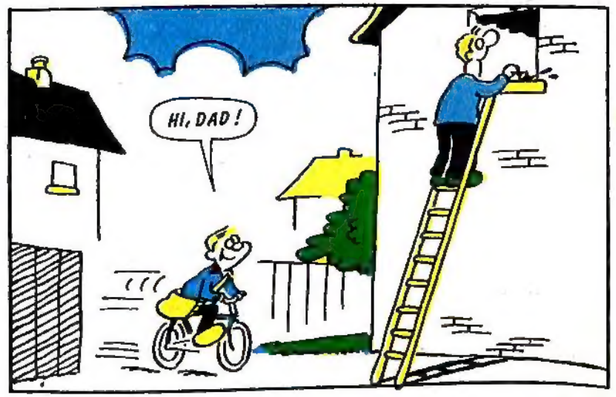

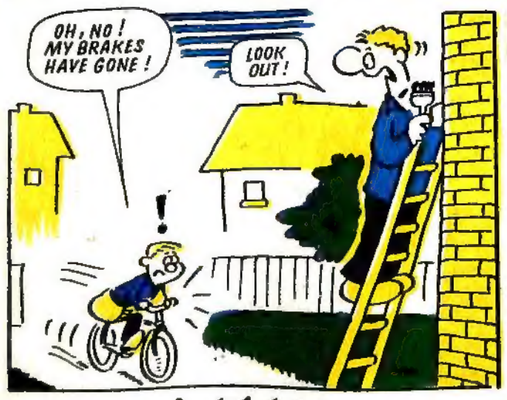

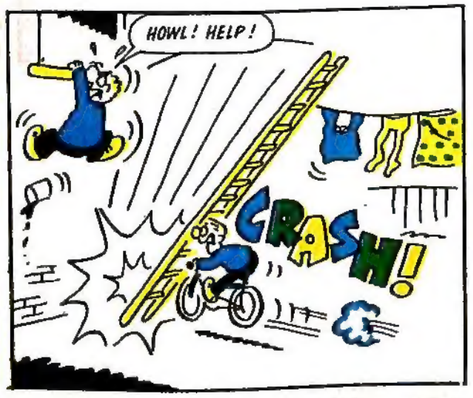

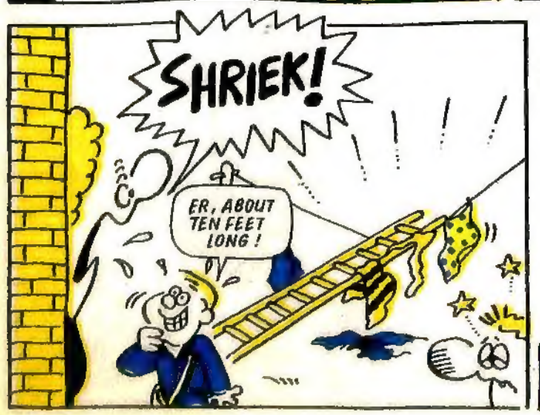

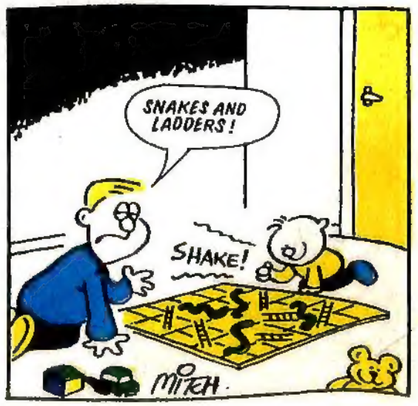

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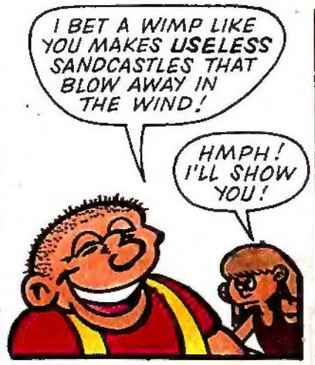

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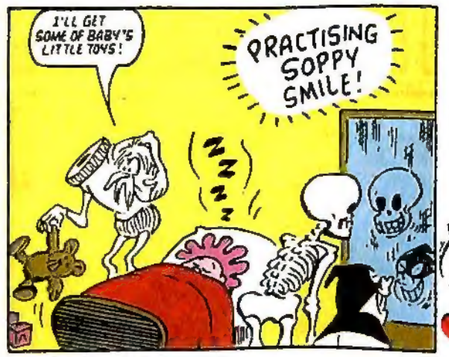
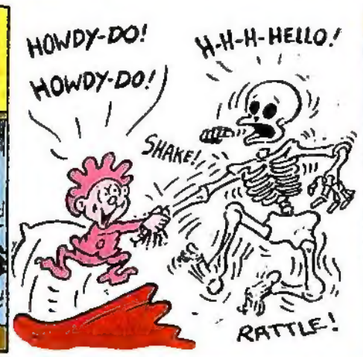
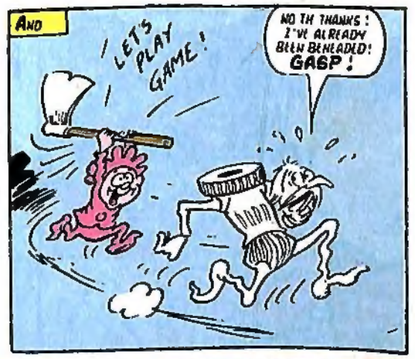
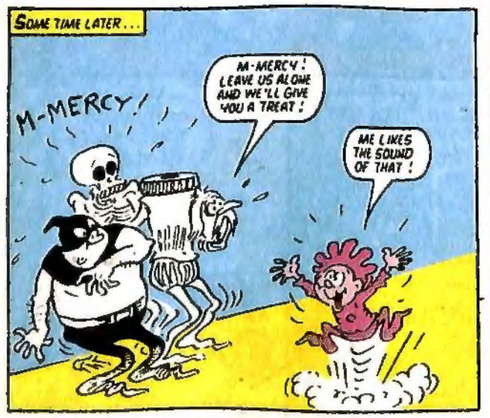
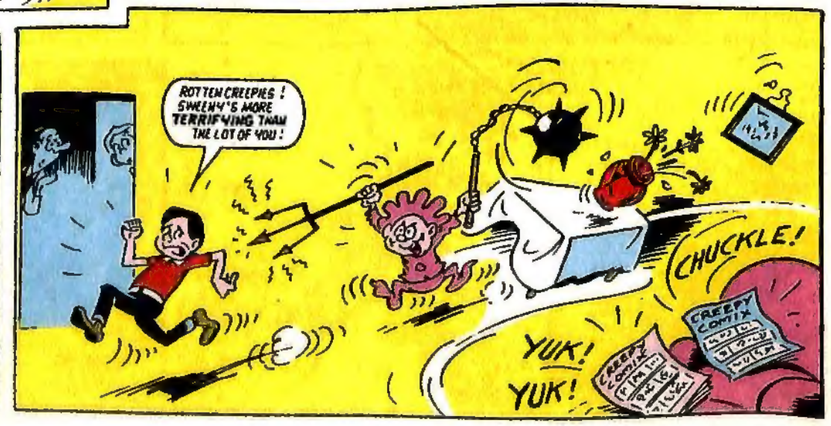






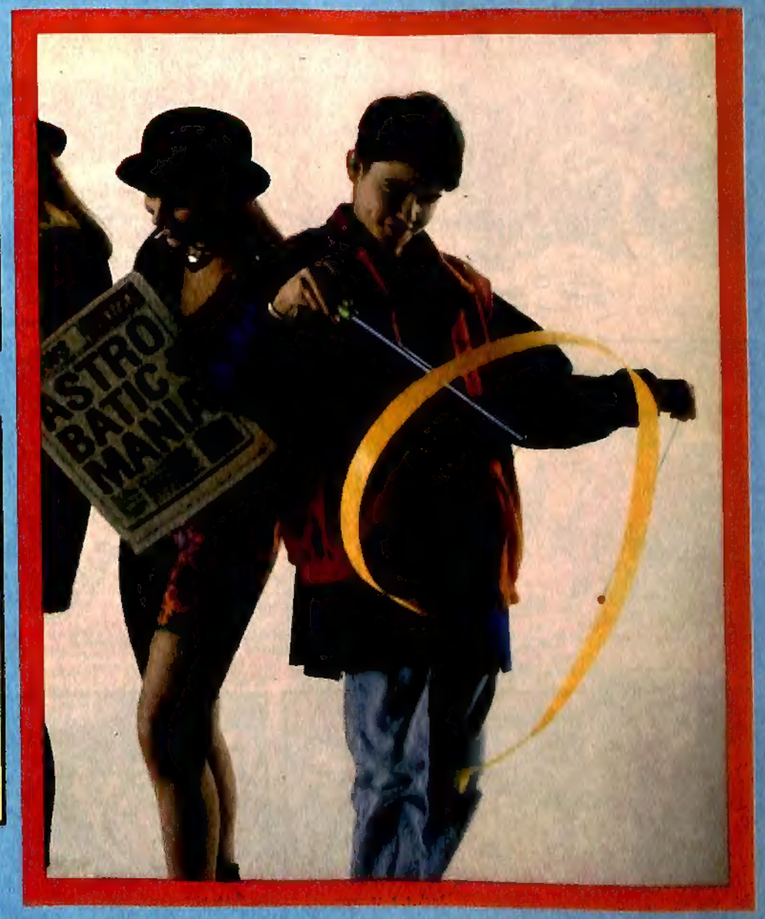




BE A TOMY® Astrobatic FANATIC

JOIN THE REAL COOL CRAZE THAT'S SURE TO HIT THE HEADLINES THIS SUMMER!

IT LOOPS...IT FLIES...IT DANCES...
The ASTROBATIC is brilliant! Send the colourful streamer flying about your head, around your body, jump through its swirling loops, make it twist and turn at your command. It's as easy – or as difficult – as you want to make it! Every day, you'll learn new moves to amaze your friends with!



50 TO BE WON!

We have 50 ASTROBATICS up for grabs. To stand a chance of winning one, we want you to give us another word beginning with 'Astro' that describes a person trained to operate a spacecraft. Easy-peasy, eh! Write your answer on a postcard or the back of a sealed, empty envelope. Add your own name and address, then send your entry to:
ASTROBATIC Competition, *Buster* Comic, P.O. Box 164, Chelmsford, CM1 3XB.
The first 50 correct entries chosen at random after the closing date, which is Friday 6th August, 1993, will win the prizes. Usual Buster competition rules apply and the Editor's decision is final.

Buster COMPS ARE BEST!

X-RAY SPECS

EEEK! DON'T SWITCH ON, DAD!
EH? DON'T PANIC! IT ISN'T A HORROR MOVIE I WANT TO WATCH!

IT ISN'T THAT! THERE'S A MOUSE INSIDE THE SET!
WHAT??

LOOK! THAT'S WHERE IT GOT IN!

THAT'S IT— GRAB THE CHEESE!

RIGHT, MATE! YOU'RE GOING OUTSIDE, BEFORE MUM SEES YOU!

BUT...
ERK! HE'S GONE... WITH THE CHEESE!
LITTLE TRICKSTER! HO, HO!

A LITTLE LATER...
HEY! WHO'S PLAYING WITH MY ELECTRONIC TRAIN SET, DAD?
WHIRRR!

GASP! NO-ONE! I'D B-BETTER TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!
WHIRRRR!

MICE!! CHEEKY LITTLE...

OFF! THE LOT OF YOU!

SHRIEK!
I KNOW WHAT THAT IS... MUM'S DISCOVERED MICE IN THE KITCHEN!

OUR FOOD! RUINED!
THEY'VE EVEN HOLLOWED OUT THIS CAKE I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO! THEY'VE GOT TO GO!

SO...
WHAT WE NEED IS A MEGA-SIZE MOUSER... JUST LIKE NEXT DOOR'S CAT!
TICKLE!

HUH! HE'S JUST HAD A MEGA-SIZE MEAL... HE WON'T BE CHASING ANY MICE!

THAT'S THEIR HOLE!
GURR! THEY'VE NICKED HALF MY LEGO SET!

THIS MAY BE WORTH A TRY...

HUH! WE'VE OBVIOUSLY EATEN THIS LOT OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME!

COME ON! LET'S FIND A NEW PLACE WITH LOADSA-FOOD!
PHEW! IT WORKED— THANK GOODNESS!

Toy Boy

I WONDER WHAT A FLY LOOKS LIKE UNDER A MICROSCOPE ?

THE FIRST STEP IS TO CATCH ONE ... AND FOR THAT I'LL NEED TOMMY ATKINS !

SLAM!

HELLO, TOY BOY !

FLIES LOVE DIRT ... AND TOMMY NEVER WASHES !

TWITCH!

I WAND DO DATCH ONE OB YOUR FLIEBS !

LEAVE 'EM ALONE ! THEY HAVEN'T DONE YOU ANY HARM !

HMM ! THOSE FLIES HAVE BEEN ROUND HIM SO LONG THAT HE THINKS OF THEM AS PETS !

SO...

I'LL SOON CATCH SOME BY HANGING THIS STICKY FLY-PAPER IN THE GARDEN SHED !

BUT...

BAH !

OOPS ! I SHOULD HAVE WARNED DAD BEFORE HE WENT IN !

LATER...

FLIES LOVE JAM ... THIS IS BOUND TO WORK !

SLOP!

ERK ! WASPS ALSO LOVE JAM !

BZZZZZZZZZ

SOON...

THERE'S AN EASIER WAY OF FINDING OUT WHAT A FLY LOOKS LIKE UNDER THE MICROSCOPE ...

...I'LL GO TO THE LIBRARY AND LOOK AT A BOOK ON INSECTS !

LIBRARY

READ A BOOK

TERRY BAVE

CLIFF HANGER

EVIL SPIES H.Q.

WE'VE NEVER OUTSMARTED CLIFF BY USING A MONSTER, BUT WE'VE HAD SOME NEAR MISSES !

MRS. ??? GREAT IDEA, CHIEF ! WHY NOT TRY A FEMALE MONSTER ?

PERFECT ! TRANSPORT CLIFF TO THE CASTLE !

TRANSPORTER RAY

MONITOR

WH-WHERE AM I ?

OOER ! THIS L-LOOKS LIKE F-FRANKENSTEIN'S LABORATORY !

PROPERTY OF VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN

JOURNAL OF VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN

DO NOT TOUCH - Victor Frankenstein

VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN WORKS HERE

PROPERTY OF VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN

THIS FLOOR BELONGS TO VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN

4-4IKES ! S-SOMEONE'S COMING !

CLOMP! CLOMP!

H-HELP ! IT'S THE BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN !

I-I'M TRAPPED !

PRESS

WHRRRRR!

OOPS ! I MUST HAVE OPENED A SECRET PANEL !

SHE'S STILL COMING ! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT --- THIS DOOR !

B-BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT LIES ON THE OTHER SIDE ?!!

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO HELP CLIFF, READER ! TO OPEN THE DOOR, JUST TURN THE PAGE !!

ONLY YOU CAN SAVE CLIFF HANGER !

TURN TO THE THRILL-PACKED CONCLUSION NOW !

BUSTER COMIC, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM1 3XB.

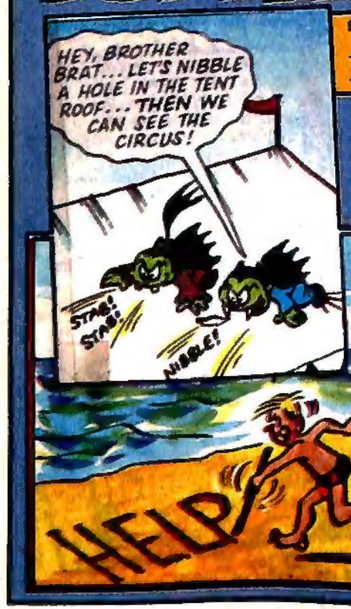
DEAR BUSTER

EACH LETTER PRINTED WINS £2

BUSTER BOOBZ!

Dear Buster,
In this X-RAY SPECS strip, Ray's dad is cutting a branch off a tree, but his ladder is resting against the branch he is cutting!
– CLAIRE PYM, EXETER.

Dear Buster,
I spotted this mistake in an old issue. The boy brat is calling his sister, "Brother"!
– VALERIE COLBOURNE, BIRR.



Dear Buster,
In one picture, Jon is using his left hand, but in the other, he is using his right. Is this a mistake or is Jon ambidextrous?
– SIMON HUTCHINSON, ACLE.
...Yes!!

Dear Buster,
In your quiz, "ARE YOU A COOL DUDE OR A DUMBO?", you had the question, "Which colour is Ricky Rainbow unable to turn?". The answer was "Black". But in this picture from a Ricky Rainbow story, Ricky has changed to black!
– LEE STEPNEY, HAILSHAM.
...Several readers spotted this one, Lee!

BUSTER BONUS!

Every reader with something appearing on this week's Pin-Board or in "Dear Buster" will receive, in addition to the regular £2.00 prize, the brill BUSTER BONUS of a 3M "POST-IT" Memo Cube, containing 450 brightly-coloured, self-stick, removable notes for those messages you don't want to forget!

Post-It PRIZE

BUSTER BIRTHDAYS

14 JULY - MARY ANN GIBSON (age 12), RUTHENRAW, ANTRIM.
14 JULY - JANICE TANG (age 26), AIRDRIE.
14 JULY - ALLEN CUMMINGS (age 92), WRITTLE, CHELMSFORD.
21 JULY - KEVIN GRAHAM (age 12), WARLEY.

PLEASE FILL IN AND SEND THIS COUPON WHENEVER YOU WRITE TO *BUSTER*

MY *FAVE FEATURES* IN *BUSTER* ARE:
1 .....
2 .....
MY *LEAST* FAVE FEATURE IS:
.....

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU OPENED THE DOOR FOR *CLIFF HANGER*...

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£20 TO BE WON EVERY WEEK!

Can you find all the listed words in this wordsearch? Each word is in a straight line, but may be in any direction. Draw a line through each word on the grid, complete the coupon with your name and address, then cut out and send the coupon AND puzzle to WORDSEARCH No. 41, *BUSTER* COMIC, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM1 3XB to arrive by 3rd August, 1993, which is the closing date. The senders of the first four correct entries opened will each win five pounds!

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THIS COULD BE THE MOST CHALLENGING WORDSEARCH EVER! 26 WORDS TO FIND, ONE BEGINNING WITH EACH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET!

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REACH
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VATS
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Send your drawings, rhymes, messages, puzzles, cartoons, jokes, etc. to: BUSTER'S PIN-BOARD, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD CM1 3XB.

BUSTER'S PIN-BOARD and JOKE PAD

£2 FOR EVERY ITEM PUBLISHED!

What do you get if you cross a goldfish with an elephant?
Swimming Gulliwims
Amy Bromby, Bridlington.

Dear Buster,
I have drawn a picture of you as a vampire. I hope you like it.
from Emma Stafford, Newcastle.

RAD RAP

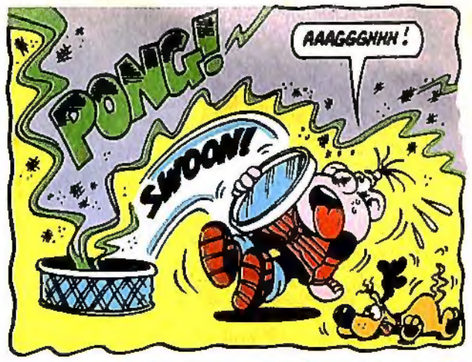
Hey, Buster fans, look at it,
The Buster comic is a hit,
Full of stories and full of jokes,
Every other comic is just a hoax!
So don't be in a muddle or a stew,
Order a Buster comic now you!
– PAUL FARRELLY, RUSH.

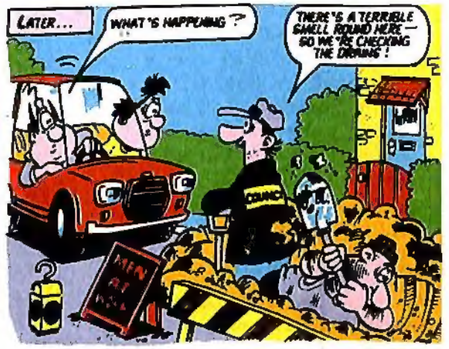
When you sold me this cat, you told me it was great for mice – but it hasn't caught any.
Well, isn't that great for mice?
PET SHOP
from Yvonne Noonan, Kilkenny.

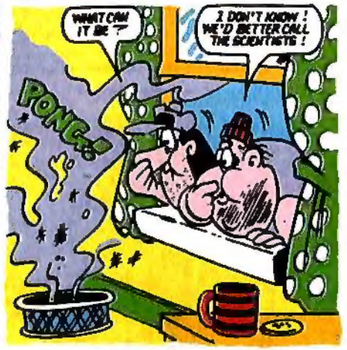
THE JAM BUSTERS

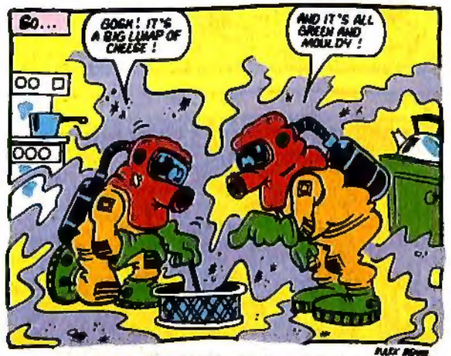
Dear Buster, have you been making jam? I saw this headline in our paper! – Robin Shaw, Ripon.

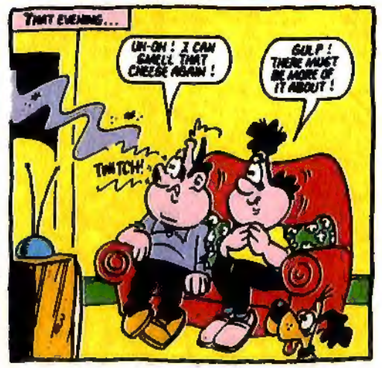
MEMORY BANKS

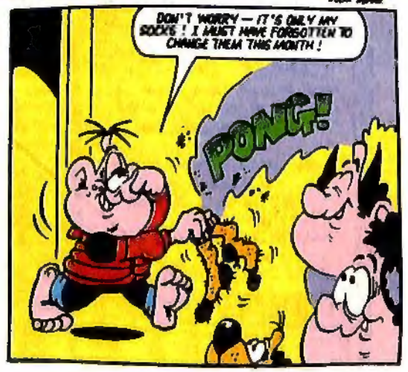












HOW TO ASSEMBLE BUSTER'S SUMMER FUN BOOK!

1. Carefully detach the pages by cutting where indicated.
2. Fold each in half, so that pages 5 and 36, 7 and 34 are on the outside.
3. Insert these pages into the ones from last week, as shown.
4. Keep somewhere safe and make sure you don't miss Part Three, in next week's BUSTER! This fun-filled, all-colour mega-book will keep you puzzling - and laughing - all through the summer!

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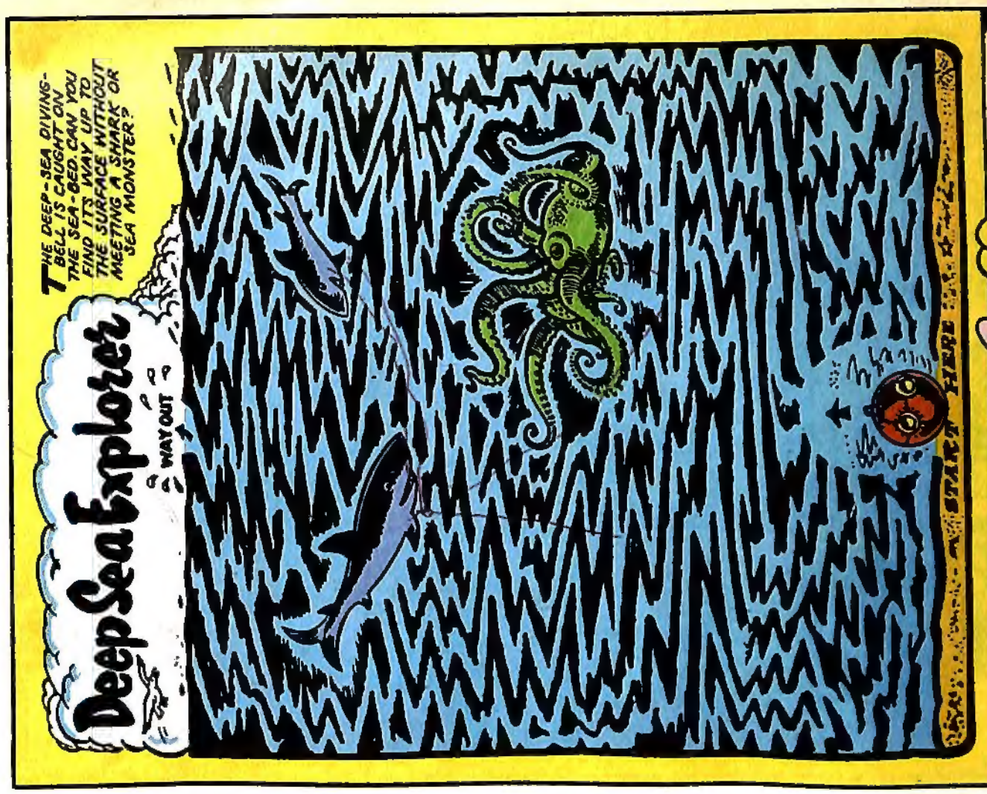

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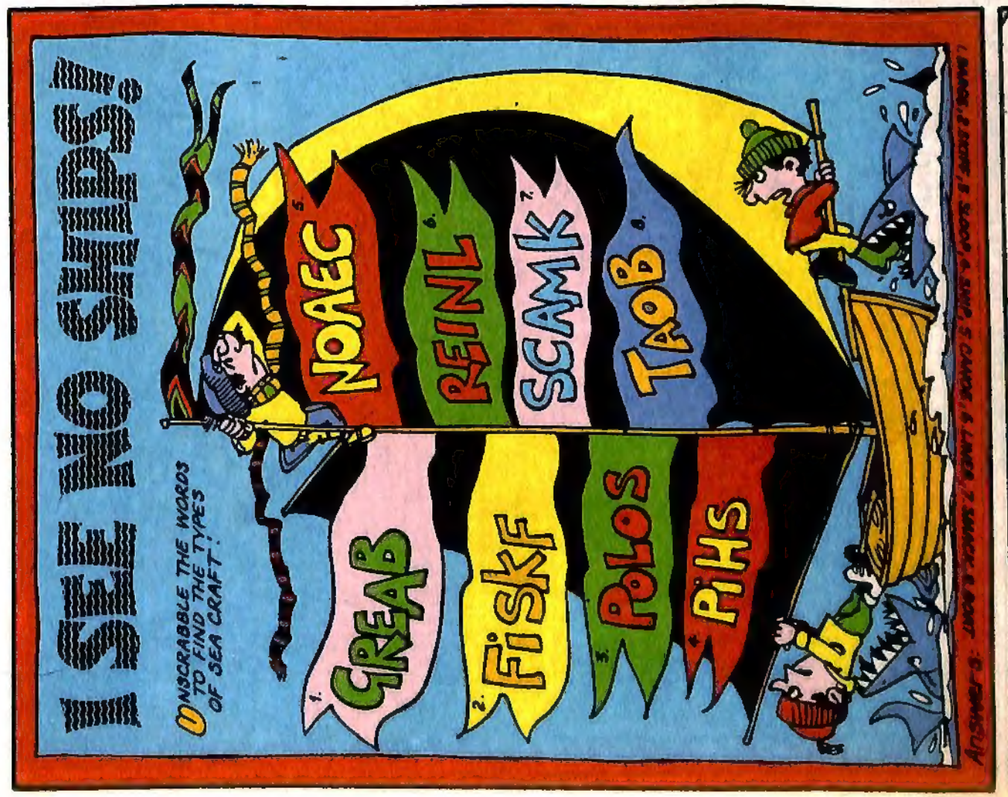

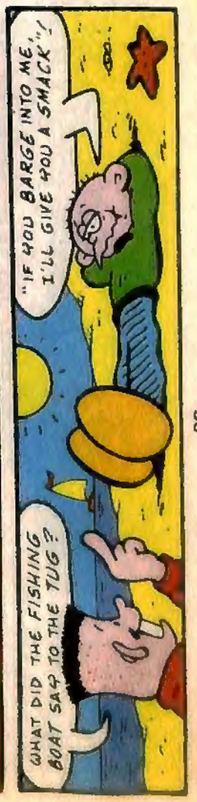

ANSWERS: Alligator, chimpanzee, chameleon, anaconda, crocodile. The chimpanzee is the odd-one-out: it's the only mammal, the rest are reptiles.

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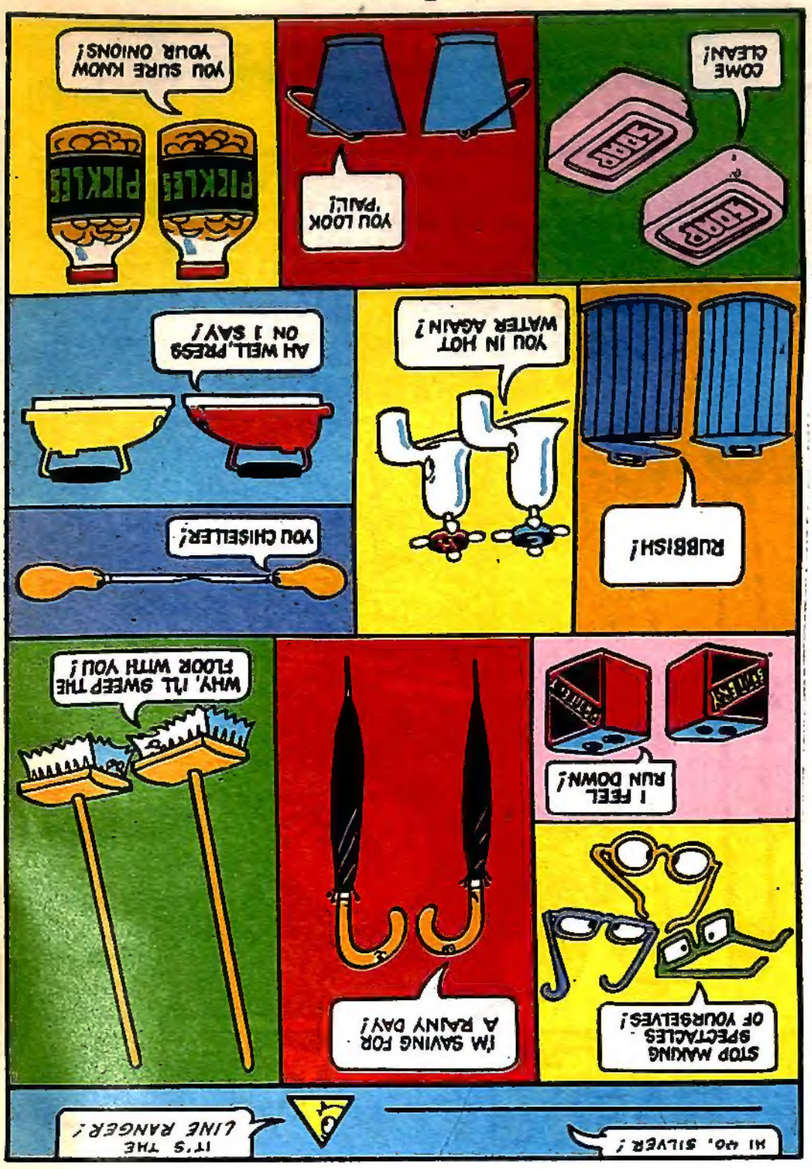

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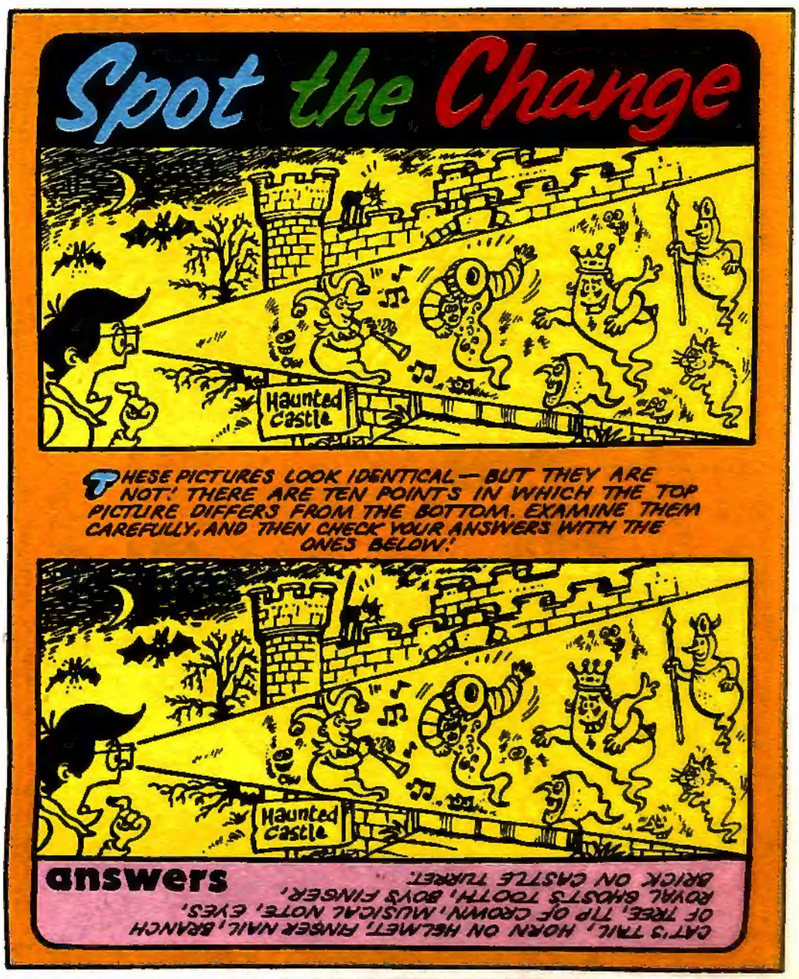

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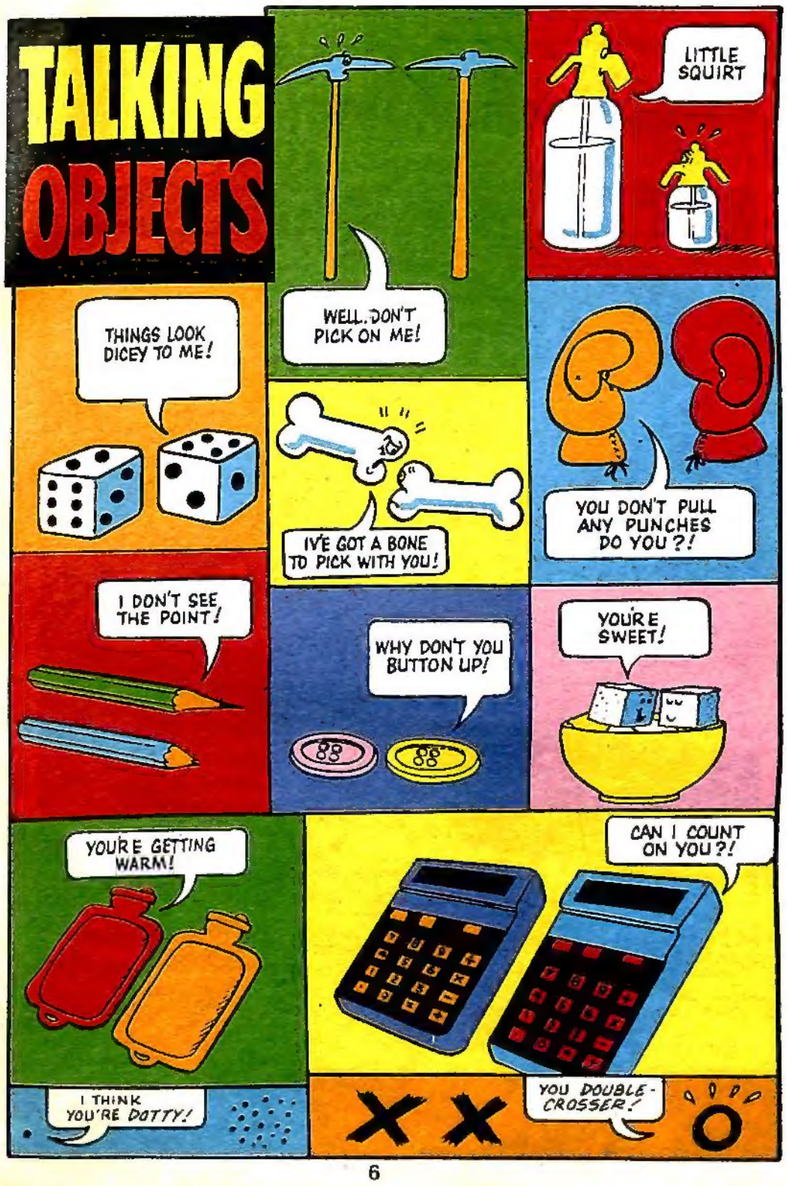

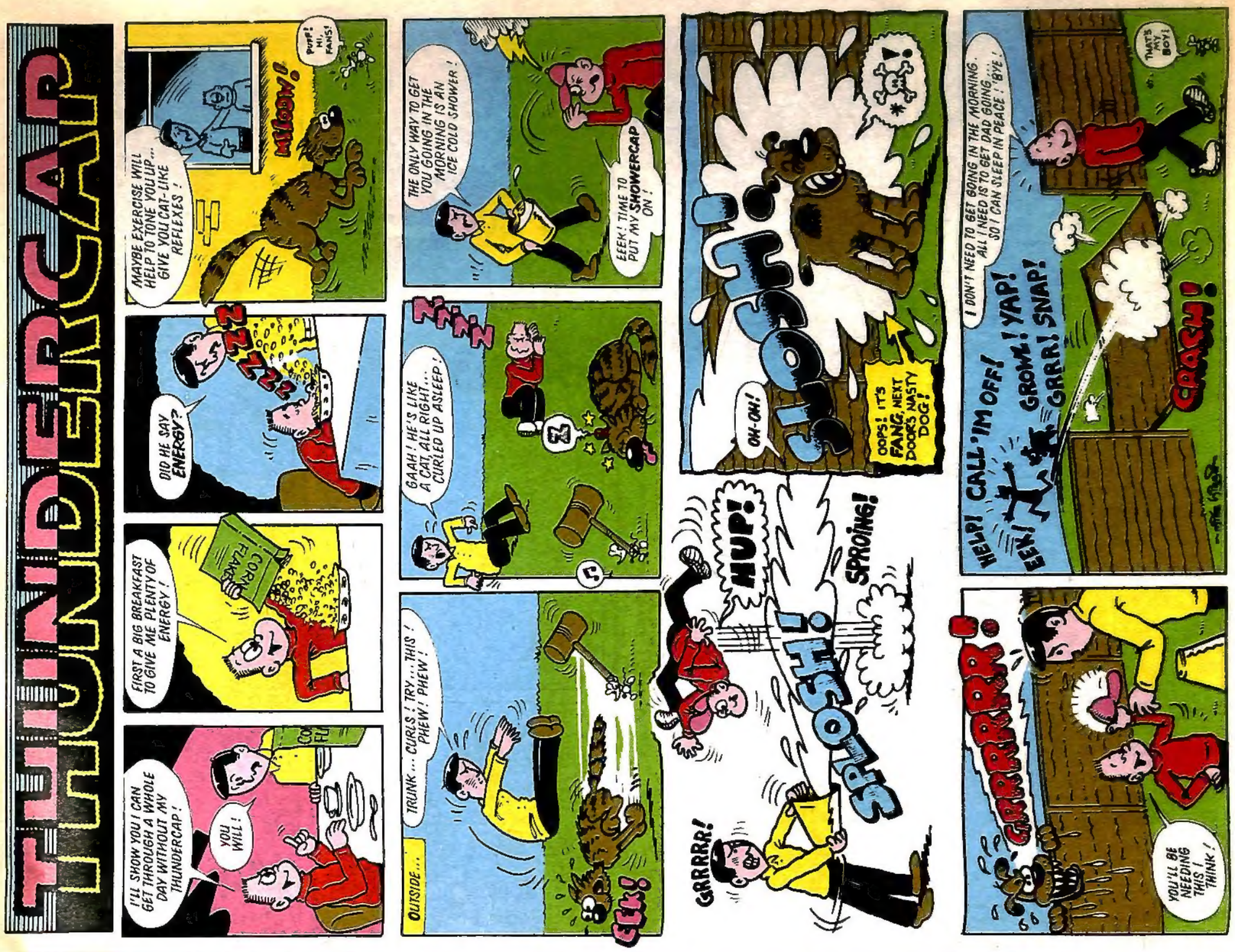

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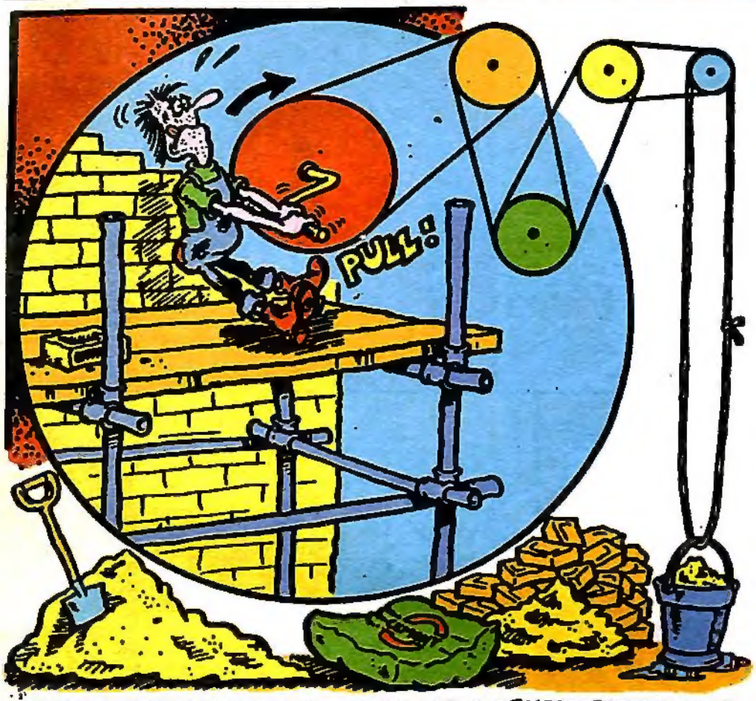

POOR WILLIE RECKITT IS BUILDING AN EXTENSION ON HIS HOUSE BUT IS HAVING TROUBLE CARRYING HEAVY LOADS UP THE LADDER! HE BUILDS A SYSTEM OF PULLEYS TO MAKE LIGHT WORK OF IT, BUT HIS ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE IS RATHER LIMITED! STUDY THE PICTURE CAREFULLY AND TRY AND FIND WHERE HE HAS MADE A BIG MISTAKE!

ANSWER

WILLIE'S BIG MISTAKE WAS TO BUILD HIS EXTENSION WITHOUT PLANNING PERMISSION, AND HE HAD TO PULL IT DOWN.

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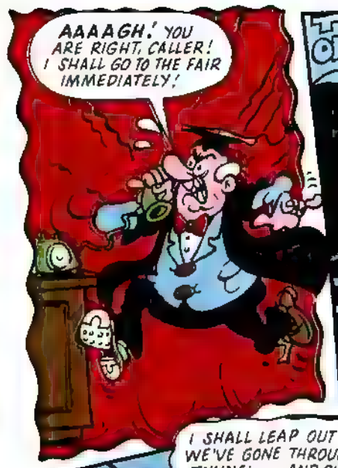
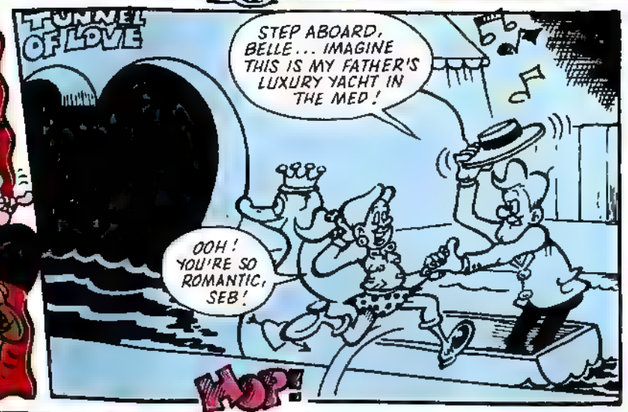
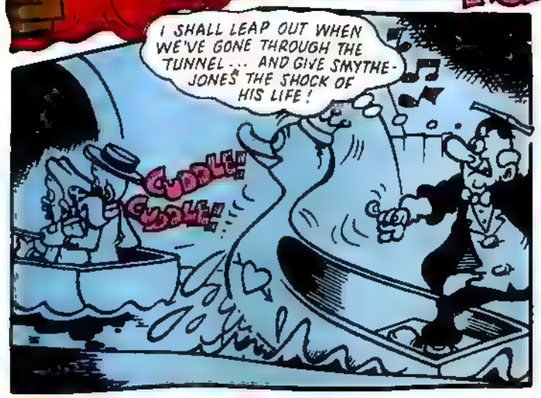
COLOUR THE NUMBERS

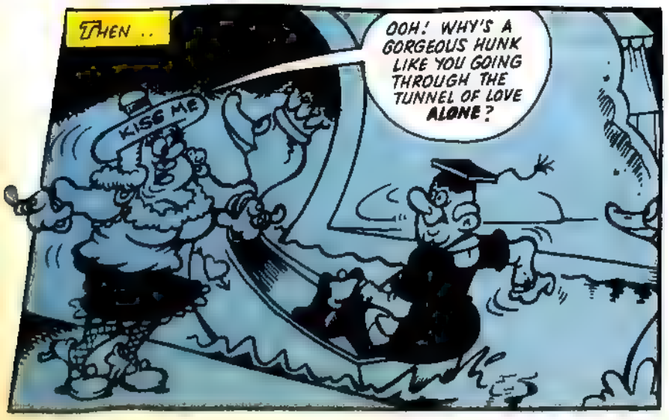
1. Red
2. Blue
3. Yellow
4. Green
5. Brown
6. Pink

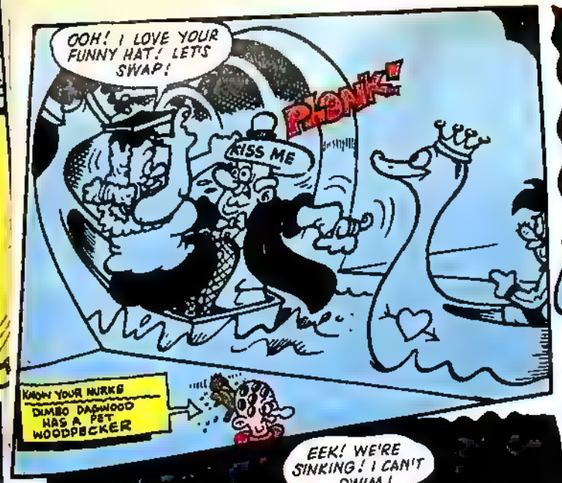
SCHOOL BELLE

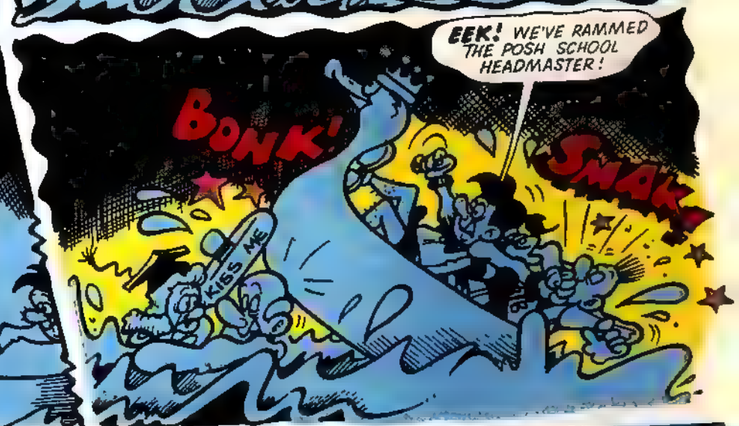


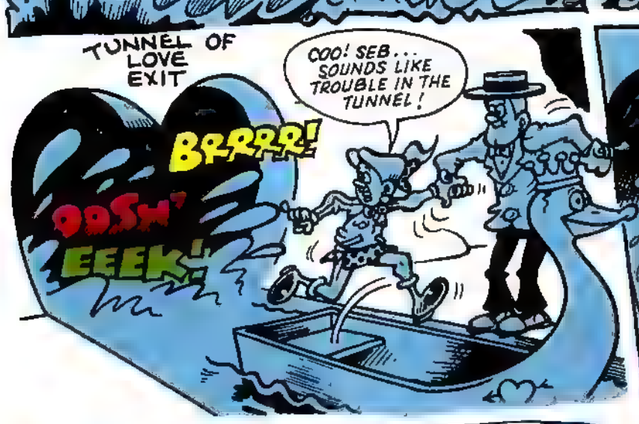


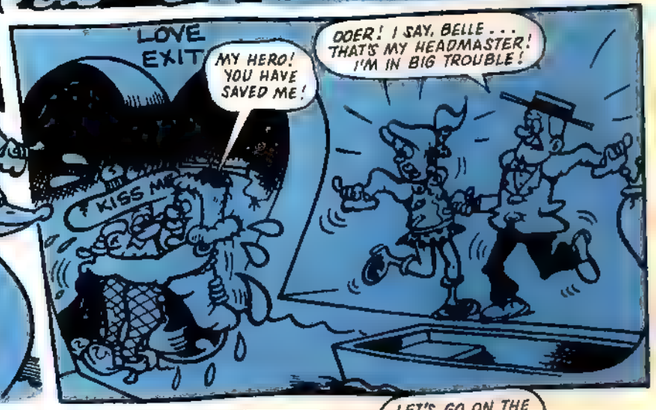


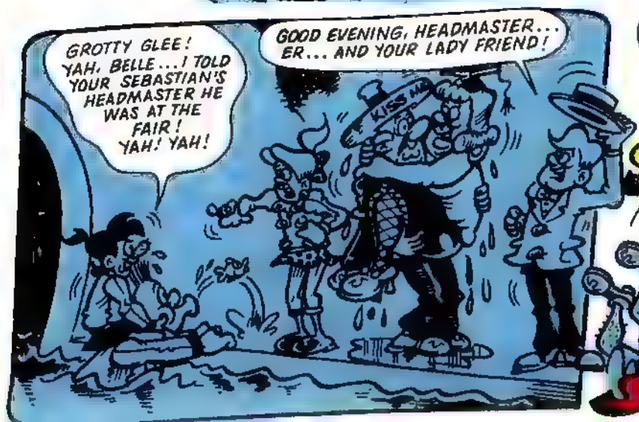


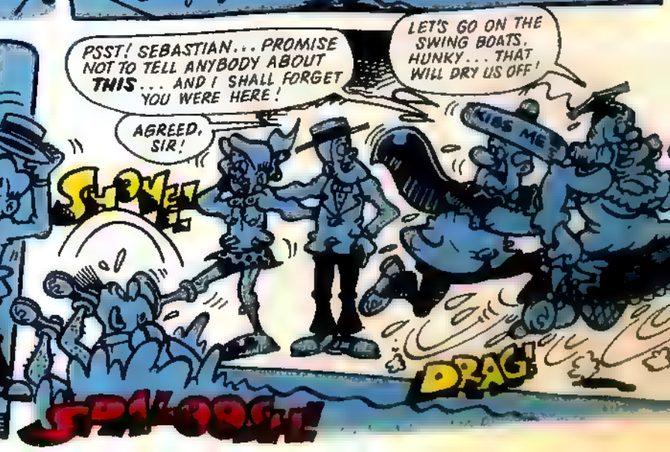












SWEET-TOOTH

CANDY FACTORY

I'D LIKE A BIG CHOCOLATE MOUSE, PLEASE!

NOVELTY SWEETS MADE TO ORDER

ONE MEGA-SIZE MOUSE COMING UP, SWEET-TOOTH!

SLURP! WHAT A WHOPPER!

A HUGE, HORRIBLE, MOUSE?!

SPLAT!

GAH! SHE THOUGHT IT WAS REAL!

BARGE!

AAIIEEE!

ZOOM!

SO...

I'VE GOT ANOTHER! ANYONE LIKELY TO BE SCARED AGAIN...? NOPE!

TUFF

TIP-TOE!

SWOON!

A MOUSE! EEEK!

SIGH! APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEPTIVE!

SPLAT!

THIRD TIME LUCKY! NOBODY AT ALL ABOUT THIS TIME! HEH, HEH!

CANDY FACTORY

A MONSTER MOUSE?! MEEOOOOOO!

DOH!

SPLAT!

FORGET THE CHOCOLATE MOUSE - MAKE ME SOMETHING COMPLETELY UN-MOUSEY!

ER... OKAY!

RIP!

SLURP! SHOULDN'T HAVE PROBLEMS WITH A CHOCOLATE HUMAN!

CANDY FACTORY

?!?

WHAT'S UP WITH SWEET-TOOTH?

I JUST CAME OUT FOR SOME FRESH AIR AND...

FANCY DRESS PARTY

SWOON!

Chalky

I'M QUICK ON THE DRAW!

HE IS, TOO!

THAT LOOKS JUST LIKE ME, CHALKY!

GORGEOUS GIRLS ARE EASY TO DRAW!

HE'S A BATTERY OF FLATTERY

JUST THEN...

JEWELLERY

STOP! THIEF!

OOPS! IF CHALKY SEES MY FACE, HE'LL BE ABLE TO DRAW IT FOR THE POLICE!

WIPE!

SO...

HEH, HEH! I'LL SCREW MY FACE UP!

SHOVE!

HOI!

AN UGLY CUSTOMER

LATER

CAN YOU DESCRIBE HIM, CHALKY?

NO PROBLEM, OFFICER! HE WAS REALLY UGLY!

BAH! HE MUST HAVE PULLED A FACE TO DISGUISE HIMSELF!

CLEVER!

LATER...

YOU WANT ME TO LOOK AT A LINE UP, TO SEE IF I CAN RECOGNISE THE ROBBER?

YES, BUT HOW DO WE GET HIM TO PULL THAT FACE?

I'VE JUST HAD A BRILL IDEA!

SO...

HAVE A SWEET?

POLICE LINE-UP

TA!

UGH! ARG! ERK! YUK! GNN!

THAT'S HIM!

GOTCHA!

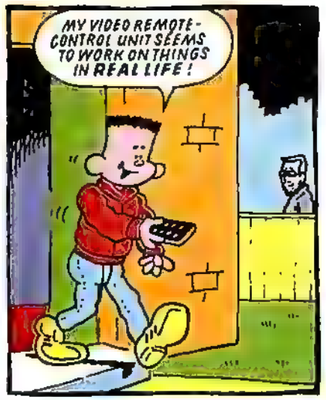
GIVING THEM THOSE EXTRA-SOUR BITTER LEMON SWEETS DID THE TRICK!

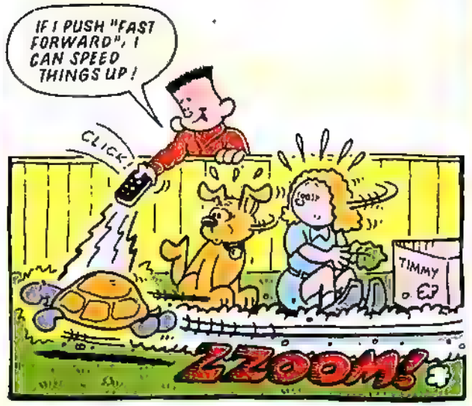
POLICE STATION

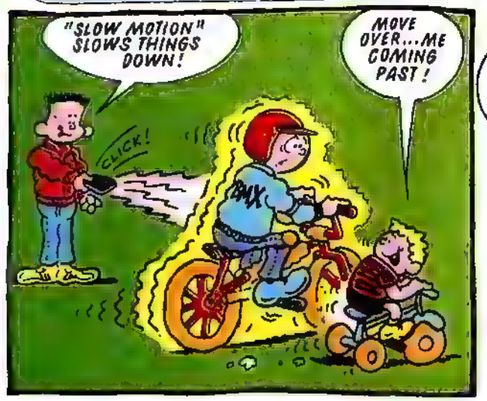
YES, YOU COULD SAY WE MADE A SUCKER OUT OF THAT CROOK! HAW, HAW!

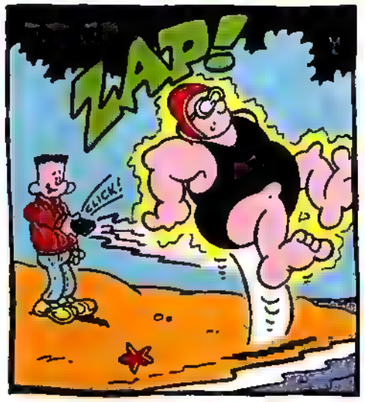
McNeill.

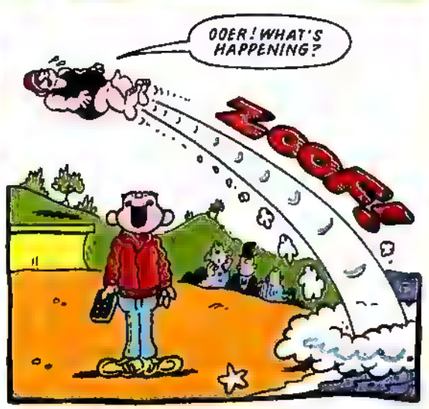
Continuing with our explanation of the origin of Vic's MAGIC VIDEO CONTROL UNIT, we've once again dug deep into the BUSTER archives and come up with this SECOND-EVER episode of *"VID KID"*, which first appeared in the issue of BUSTER dated 6th June, 1987!

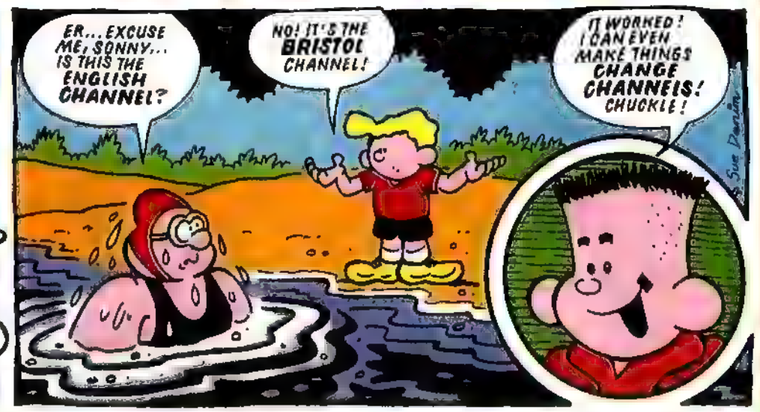










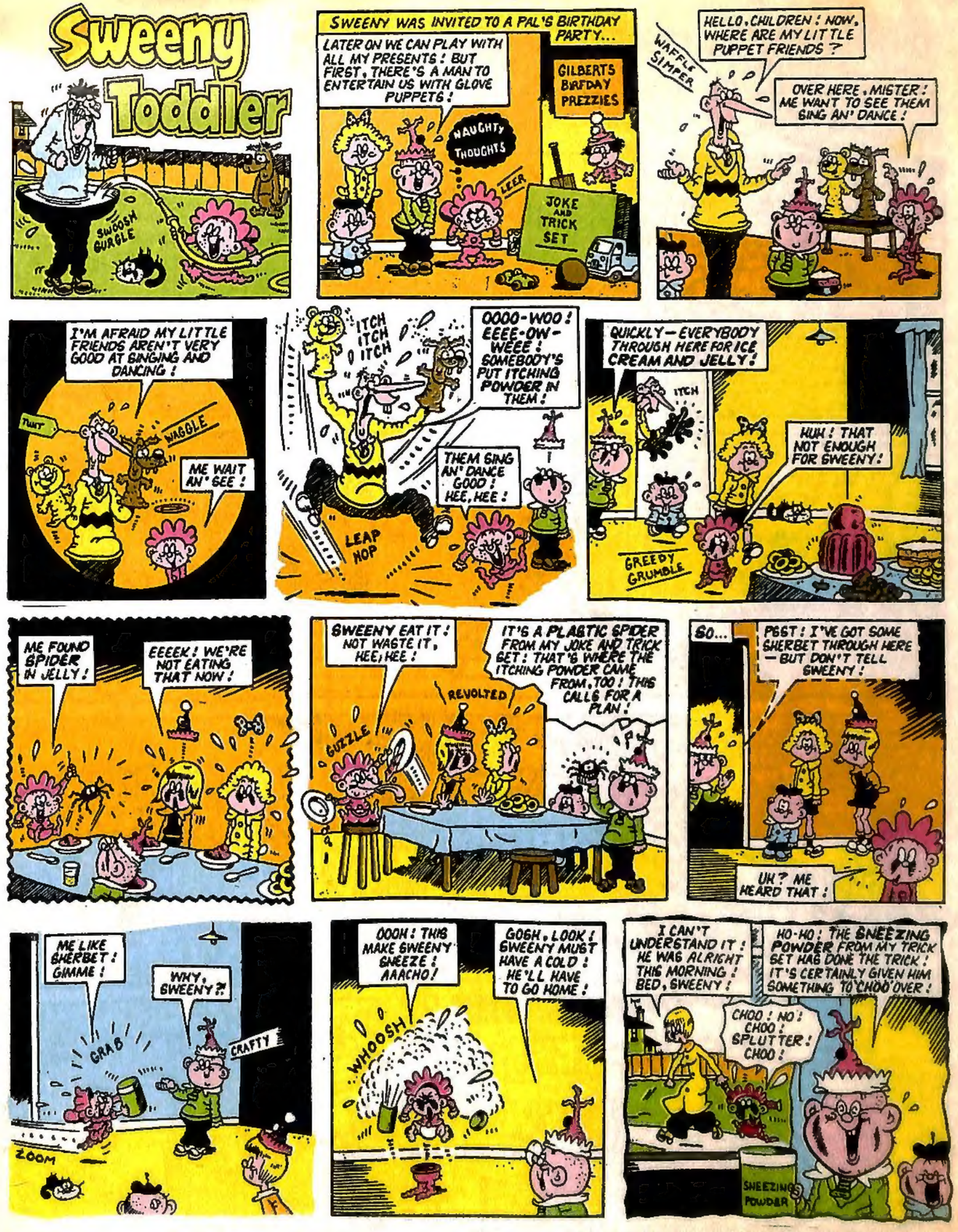


DON'T MISS

ON SALE NOW!

DOUBLE TROUBLE

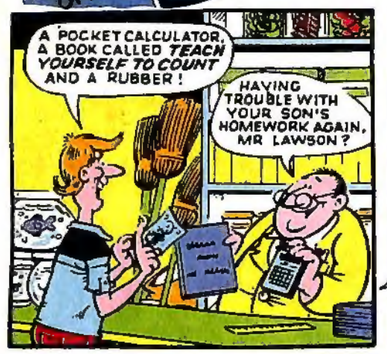
Sweeny Toddler

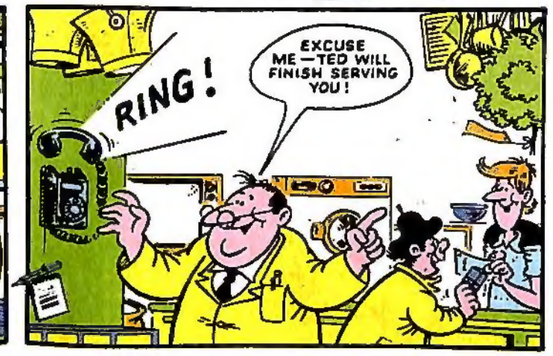


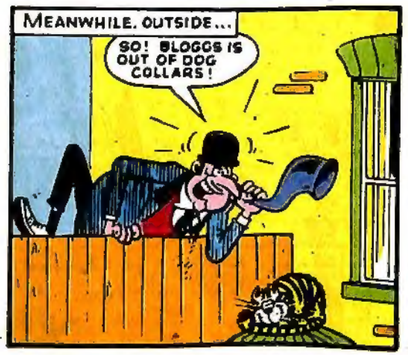
BUSTER HOLIDAY SPECIAL IS ON SALE NOW — DON'T MISS IT!

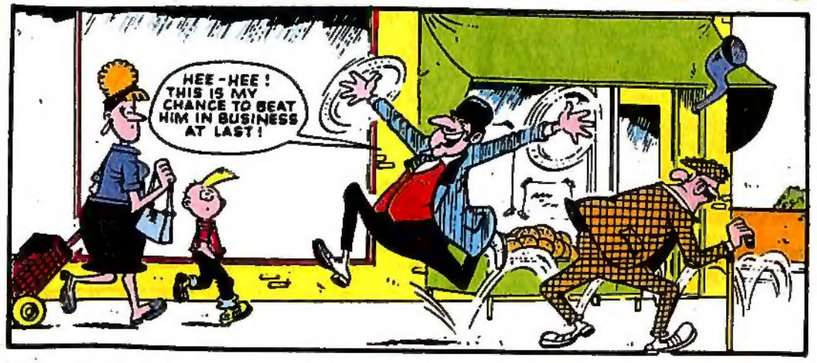
Store Wars

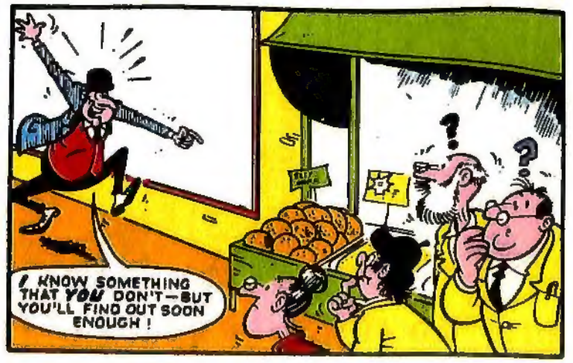
BARGAINS
REDUCTIONS
SPECIAL OFFERS
£5 OFF
BARGAIN SALE

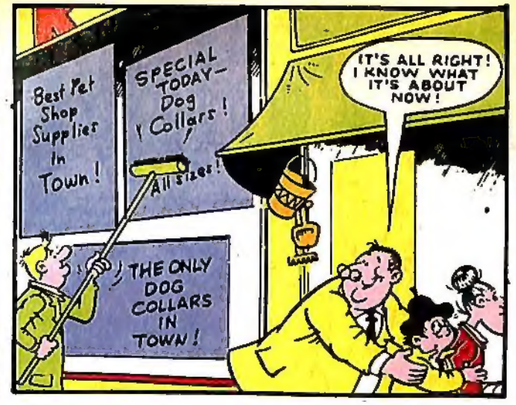


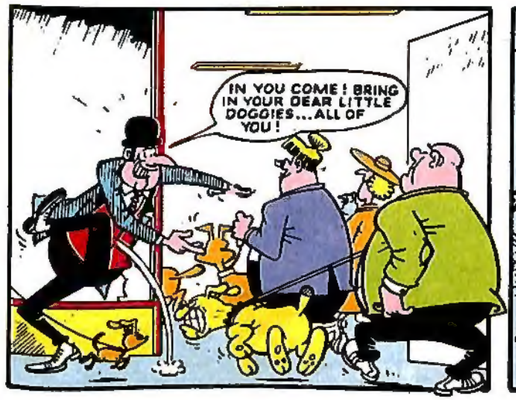


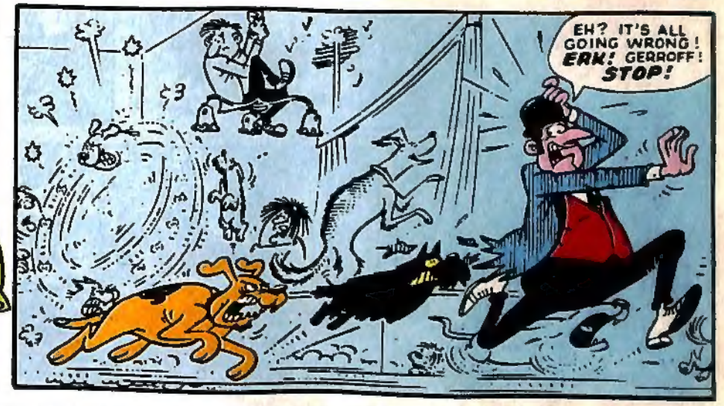


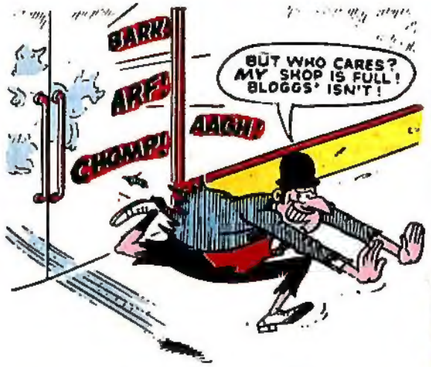


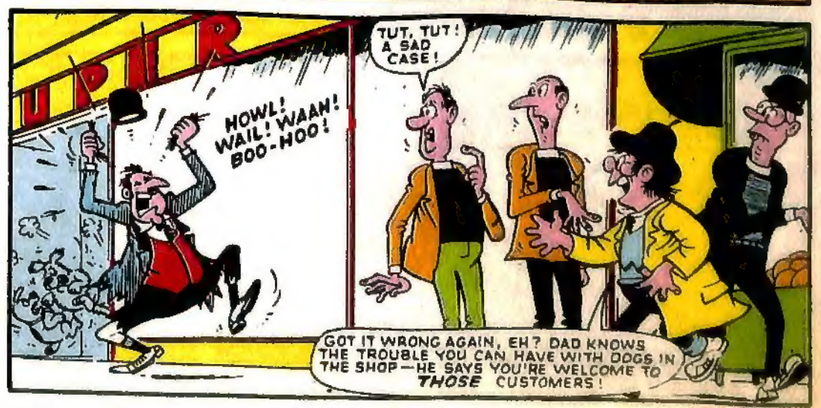












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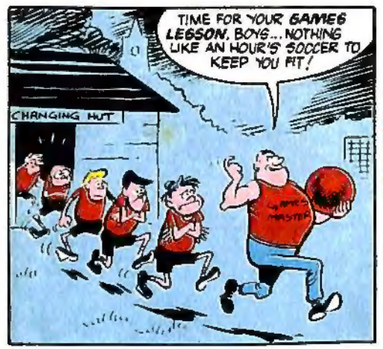

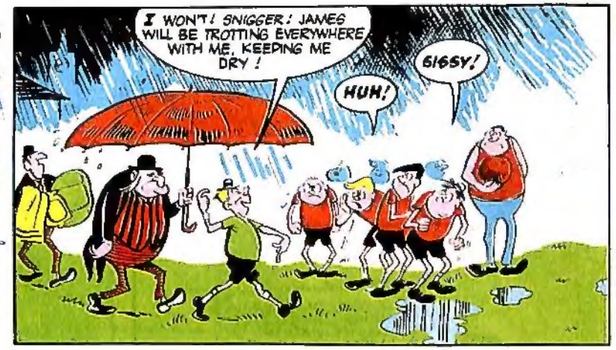

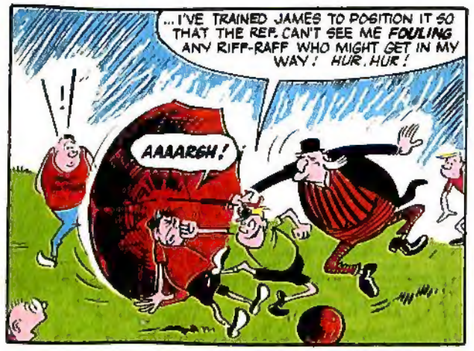

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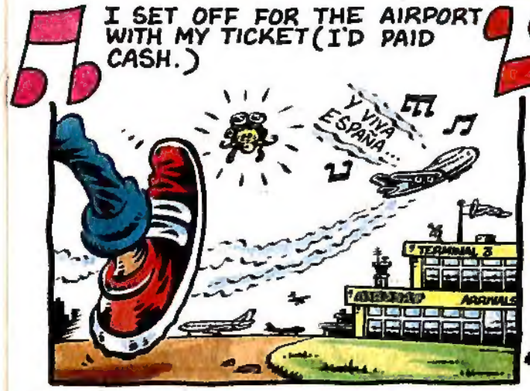
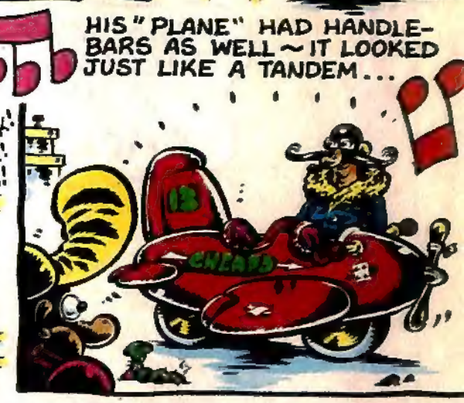
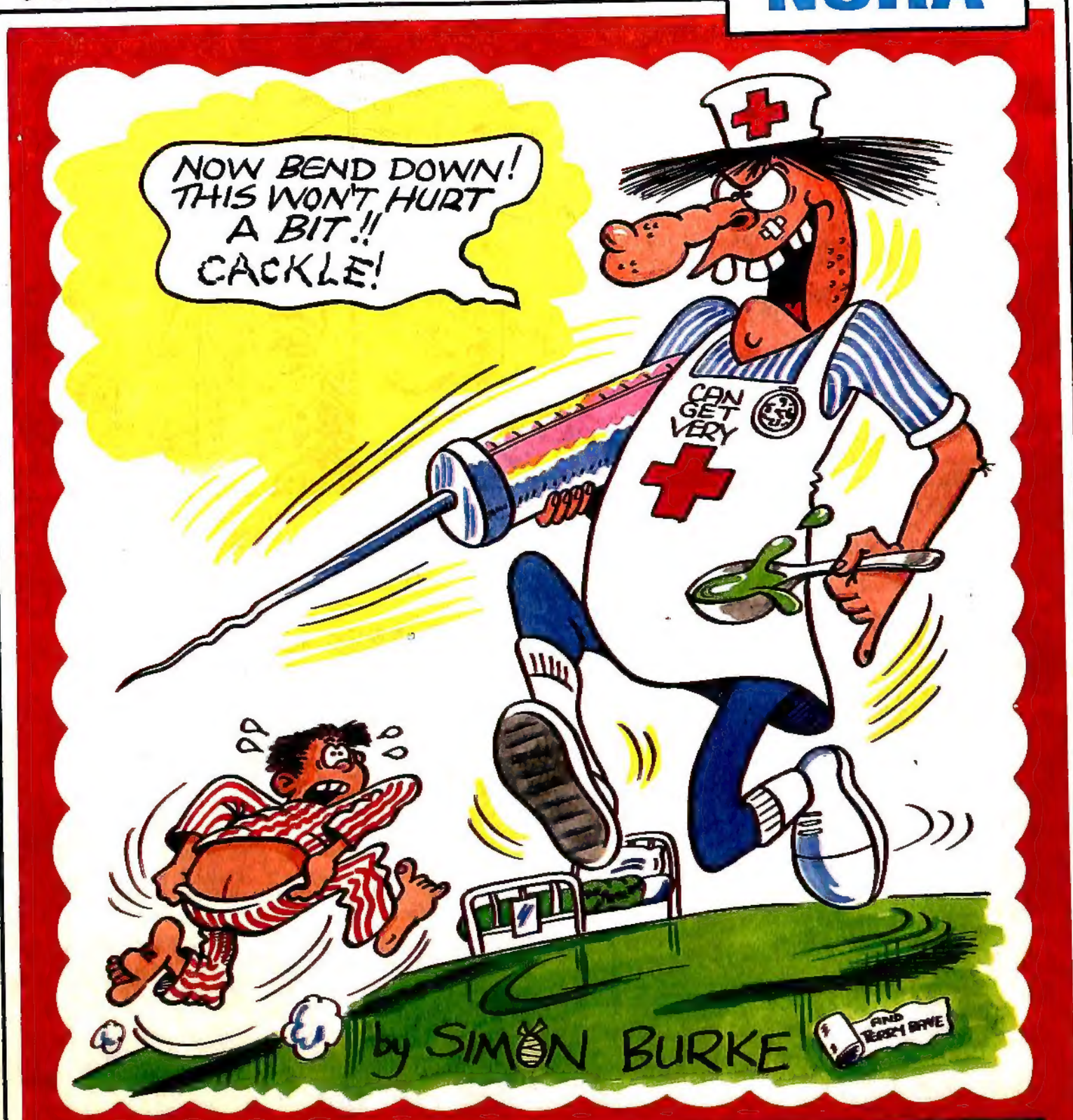




A CUT-OUT AND COLLECT SERIES

IMAGINE

NUTTY NURSE NORA



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